



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

May 25, 2001

Dear Scup Dealer
and Commercial Vessel Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that the Summer period (May through October) commercial quota for the scup fishery has been harvested.

Therefore, effective 0001 hours June 1, 2001, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the scup fishery may no longer land scup in any state for the remainder of the Summer period. This prohibition applies to federally permitted vessels whether they fish in Federal or state waters. Vessel owners issued Federal permits are reminded that they must continue to complete and submit vessel logbooks. Additionally, dealers issued Federal dealer permits for scup are advised that they may not purchase scup from federally permitted vessels that land scup for the remainder of the Summer period. Federally permitted dealers must continue to report **all** fish purchases from **any** vessel.

Vessel owners issued Federal limited access scup permits are reminded that regulations at 50 CFR 648.4(a)(1)(i)(K) state that if a vessel's limited access permit for a particular fishery is voluntarily surrendered to the Regional Administrator, no limited access permit for that fishery may be reissued or renewed based on that vessel's history. Accordingly, once you obtain or renew a Federal limited access permit in any given year, you may not relinquish that permit during that same year (for purposes of fishing for scup in state waters, for example) or you will lose your right to renew your limited access permit.

The Northeast Regional Office has established two automated systems to provide faster notice to the fishing industry of management actions. You may receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by requesting to be notified through one of the following systems: (1) You may request e-mail notices by clicking on "What's New" on our website at <http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/ro/doc/nero.html>, or (2) you may be notified via fax by providing a fax number through a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135. If you choose to receive notification of management actions through one of the above automated systems, you will continue to receive notices through the mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Kurkul".

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

